

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26, 60-70 remain in this application. Claim 27 has been withdrawn. Claims 1-7, 13, 18, 25, 28-59 have been cancelled without prejudice to their patentability.

Applicant appreciates the withdrawal of the Finality in view of the new ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action.

Claim 26 has been amended, as requested by the Examiner.

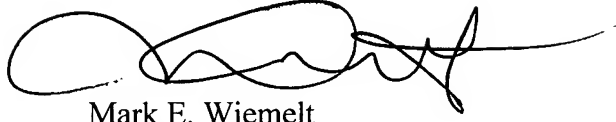
The Examiner has indicated that all of the remaining claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26 and 60-70 are allowed and/or allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the remaining claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26 and 60-70 are patentable. Therefore, favorable consideration and allowance of claims 8-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26 and 60-70 is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any of the remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312)372-7664.

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Respectfully submitted,

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